

SWEETWATER AUTHORITY CAPACITY FEES

The purpose for the collection of Authority Capacity Fees is to fund appropriate levels of water capacity for new or upgraded connections to the Authority's water distribution system.

Collection is based on Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). An EDU is a unit that equates all residential, commercial, and industrial connections to a typical single-family residential unit.

Current Authority Capacity Fees can be found here: www.sweetwater.org/capacityfee

SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY CAPACITY CHARGES

The San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) capacity charges are collected when new meters are purchased or existing services are upgraded with a larger meter. The capacity charges are based on meter size. The meter size is determined by the water fixture count in accordance to the current California Building and Plumbing Code.

Current SDCWA Water Rates & Charges can be found here: www.sdcwa.org/capacity-charges

SWEETWATER AUTHORITY INFORMATION SOURCES

The information contained in this brochure is based on Sweetwater Authority's Rates and Rules and Supplement to Rates and Rules. For links to PDFs of these documents and additional information sources, see below.

RATES & RULES:

www.sweetwater.org/ratesandrules

SUPPLEMENT TO RATES & RULES:

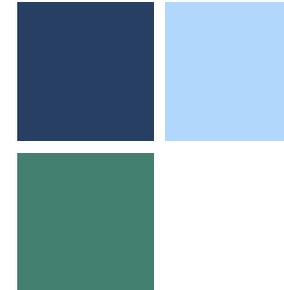
www.sweetwater.org/ratesandrules supplement

DESIGN STANDARDS:

www.sweetwater.org/designstandards

STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES:

www.sweetwater.org/waterfacilityconstspecs



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WATER SERVICE

APPLICATION GUIDE

Sweetwater Authority provides safe, reliable water to residents and businesses in National City, Bonita and western Chula Vista.

1 GENERAL INFORMATION

Application for a new, upgrade, or modification to an existing water service from Sweetwater Authority (Authority) is required when:

- Requesting the installation of a new water meter and service lateral
- Adding square footage to a home, business, or other building
- Constructing single family dwellings, multi-unit apartments, or structures that require water or fire protection
- Requesting abandonment, modification or relocation of an existing water meter
- Adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) or additional residential units
- Changing water use type (e.g. irrigation, domestic, fire protection)
- Changing business type (for commercial accounts, e.g. furniture outlet to fast food, etc.)
- Constructing tenant improvements

Only the property owner or authorized agent of the owner (Applicant) can request/apply for the installation, abandonment, modification or relocation of a water service or Authority-owned facility.

2 SUBMITTAL PROCESS

To apply for new or modify an existing water service, contact the Authority's Engineering Department at (619) 420-1413 to initiate the submittal process. The submittal process typically takes six weeks to process. This accounts for the required time to:

- Review the Applicant's service request
- Visit the project site and create a cost estimate
- Calculate applicable fees, deposits and credits
- Prepare and transmit a Fees and Deposits Letter to the Applicant, indicating the applicable fees, credits and deposits

3 REQUIRED ITEMS

The Applicant will be asked to provide the following:

- Owner's authorization (if acting as agent of the owner)
- Legal description of the subject property
- Information regarding type of project or development to be served
- Type of water service (e.g. domestic, irrigation, fire)
- Fire flow requirements from the local fire protection agency (if applicable)
- Construction plans approved and stamped by the applicable building jurisdiction, including site plans, building floor plans, and plumbing plans showing all existing and proposed fixtures
- The Applicant shall designate where the location of the meters by marking a white "W" on face of curb or on top of pavement
- An Authority representative will visit the project site and confirm the proposed meter location

Depending on the project scope, a Design Requirement Letter may be provided to the Applicant, requesting acknowledgment of the minimum submittal requirements and a deposit for design review.

When all submittal items have been provided, the Authority will develop a cost estimate for the construction work, calculate applicable fees, credits, and deposits, and transmit the Fees and Deposits Letter with a request for a deposit.



4 CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

Construction begins when fees and deposit funds are received. The Authority's construction process typically takes eight weeks to complete. This accounts for the time typically required to:

- Process fees and deposits
- Create a new service account
- Process and obtain construction permit(s) from applicable agencies
- Install service(s) & meter(s)
- Process and approve backflow preventer (as applicable)
- Repair paving

Within two months after completion of construction, costs will be tabulated and a final billing or refund will be provided to the Applicant.

If the Applicant or its sub-contractor elects to perform the construction of the new service installation, or any modification to the Authority's facilities, the Applicant will be required to enter into an Agreement to Improve Development.

